



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"*

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331  
Telephone: (626) 458-5100  
www.ladpw.org

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
P.O. BOX 1460  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

May 24, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000772 - Santa Monica Project No. 7401 - Line A, Low Flow Diversion 110 Feet N/O Neilson Way, City of Santa Monica (3), to Clarke Contracting Corporation, in the amount of \$777,440.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000883 - Tujunga Wash Restoration-Conveyance System, City of Los Angeles (3), to W. A. Rasic Construction, Co., Inc., in the amount of \$947,646.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003070 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2005, South Maintenance Area, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs, Carson, Culver City, Downey, Long Beach, and Whittier (1, 2, and 4), to Travers Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$212,920.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003073 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2005, Los Angeles River Watershed, vicinities of Commerce, Compton, Hidden Hills, Long Beach, and Pasadena (All), to Ron's Maintenance, in the amount of \$477,245.25.

Project ID No. RDC0014651 - Puente Avenue at Cagliero Street, et al., vicinities of La Puente and Diamond Bar (1 and 4), to Oak Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$187,125.00.

Project ID No. TSM0010151 - Artesia Boulevard, et al., vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Torrance (2 and 4), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in the amount of \$914,000.00.

Project ID No. WRDM000009 - San Gabriel Hydroelectric Project Control and Protection System Upgrade, in the Angeles National Forest north of Azusa (5), to L & S Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$556,320.00.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000883, FMD0003070, RDC0014651, and WRDM000009.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2004-05 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBES) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 13, 1996, your Board approved a Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental assessment for the Los Angeles River Master Plan. Project ID No. FCC0000883 - Tujunga Wash Restoration-Conveyance System is one of the improvement projects addressed in the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
May 24, 2005  
Page 5

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

PB:lgn  
O:\Forms\Board\Awd-ltr.wpd

Enc. 7

cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000772, SANTA MONICA PROJECT NO. 7401 - LINE A,  
LOW FLOW DIVERSION 110 FEET N/O NEILSON WAY  
(City of Santa Monica), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a low-flow diversion weir, reinforced concrete box and transition structures, a reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and a reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, discharge pipes, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 15, 2005 (Synopsis 32)

BID OPENING DATE: April 12, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low +Clarke Contracting Corporation 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard Lawndale California, 90260 (310) 542-7724	\$777,440.00
2 Blois Construction, Inc.	\$860,000.00

+LSBE

PPC Construction, Inc., submitted a bid of \$637,200.00; however, their bid proposal contained several material clerical errors in the itemized bid contract prices. As a result, PPC Construction, Inc., requested to be relieved of their bid.

García-Juarez Construction, Inc., submitted a bid; however, several of the itemized contract prices in their bid proposal were not legible; therefore, the bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$534,805.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$777,440.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$242,635.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 45 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. However, since the two bids received were competitively priced, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the lowest bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Clarke Contracting Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On January 20, 2004, Synopsis No. 46, your Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2005.

JRP:lgm

O:\Projects\Programs - Flood\Proj7401LineA-LowFlowDiv (FCC0000772)\Board\award.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000883, TUJUNGA WASH RESTORATION-CONVEYANCE  
SYSTEM (City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a conveyance system including 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe, 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe and high density polyethylene pipe, and intake and outlet structures.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 5, 2005 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: May 3, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	W. A. Rasic Construction Co., Inc., a corporation 7314 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201 (562) 928-6111	\$ 947,646.00
2	+R. C. C.	\$1,004,784.00
3	*DLSB, Inc.	\$1,037,887.00
4	Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc.	\$1,039,050.00
5	Blois Construction, Inc.	\$1,111,228.30
6	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$1,131,620.00
7	SRD Engineering, Inc.	\$1,209,778.00
8	PPC Construction, Inc.	\$1,297,880.00
9	Ivanko	\$1,359,330.00
10	+Clarke Contracting Corporation	\$1,840,300.00

+LSBE

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 905,913.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 947,646.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 41,733.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.6 percent above the estimate.



Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

W. A. Rasic Construction Co., Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 6.1 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 13, 1996, your Board approved a Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment for the Los Angeles River Master Plan. This project is one of the improvement projects addressed in the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in December 2005.

JE:lgm

O:\Projects\Programs - Flood\TujungaWshRestoration (FCC0000883)\Board\Awd.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003070, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2005,  
SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA (in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs, Carson,  
Culver City, Downey, Long Beach, and Whittier), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing of vegetation and debris from channel right of way and  
channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 5, 2005 (Synopsis 49)

BID OPENING DATE: May 10, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Travers Tree Service, Inc. P.O. Box 7000-416 Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274 (310) 530-3920	\$212,920.00
-----	---	--------------

2	Trugreen Landcare	\$265,000.00
---	-------------------	--------------

Great Scott Tree Service, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$278,450.00; however, their bid failed to include the bidder information sheet, civil litigation history information, criminal convictions information, debarment information, labor law/payroll violations information, noncollusion affidavit, and the bidder's industrial safety record. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the "Instructions to Bidders."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$220,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$212,920.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 7,080.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 3.2 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Travers Tree Service, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in October 2005.

HC:lgn

O:\Section\Administration\Board\Awd\05-24-05ltr.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003073, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2005, LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED (in the vicinities of Commerce, Compton, Hidden Hills, Long Beach, and Pasadena), All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Clean out 37,431 catch basins at various locations in the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 5, 2005 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 3, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*+Ronnie E. Norman, an individual dba Ron's Maintenance 11542 Horley Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 869-8643	\$477,245.25
-----	---	--------------

2	*J & G Maintenance	\$486,603.00
---	--------------------	--------------

\*MWBE  
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$486,603.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$477,245.25
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 9,357.75

The amount of the recommended contract is 1.9 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Ron's Maintenance, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 75 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2005.

HH:lgm

O:\Section\Administration\Board\Awd\05-24-05ltr.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014651, PUENTE AVENUE AT CAGLIERO STREET, ET AL.  
(in the vicinities of La Puente and Diamond Bar), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and installation of traffic signals, striping and pavement markings, and the construction of curb ramps.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 5, 2005 (Synopsis 51)

BID OPENING DATE: May 3, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Oak Engineering, Inc., a corporation 1305 West Second Street Pomona, California 91766 (909) 629-5150	\$187,125.00
2	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$228,485.00
3	Dynalectric	\$236,496.00
4	MSL Electric	\$241,676.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$167,250.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$187,125.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 19,875.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 12 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. Based on the competitive price of the bids received, we do not believe that readvertising would result in lower bids. We recommend acceptance of the lowest bid for this contract.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Oak Engineering, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), (x)(5), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in August 2005.

TKB:lgm

O:\Section\Administration\Board\Awd\05-24-05ltr.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010151, ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Torrance), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 29, 2005 (Synopsis 70)

BID OPENING DATE: April 26, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Steiny and Company, Inc., a corporation 12907 East Garvey Boulevard Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 338-9923	\$ 914,000.00
2	KDC, Inc.	\$ 966,128.34
3	Comet Electric, Inc.	\$1,071,313.75

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 705,371.20
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 914,000.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 208,628.80

The amount of the recommended contract is 30 percent above the engineer's estimate which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing of several contract items. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved a grant of Proposition C Discretionary Funds to finance the majority of the project cost; therefore, the project will be constructed at no cost to the Cities involved. This project is included in the 2004-05 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.



#### MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., an MWBE, has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 9 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), (x)(5), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

#### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in October 2005.

SMA:lgm

O:\Section\Administration\Board\Awd\05-24-05ltr.doc

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 24, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. WRDM000009, SAN GABRIEL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
CONTROL AND PROTECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE (in the Angeles National Forest  
north of Azusa), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Removal and replacement of the hydroelectric generating control  
system at San Gabriel Dam.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 29, 2005 (Synopsis 66)

BID OPENING DATE: May 3, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

L & S Electric, Inc., a corporation	\$556,320.00
1810 County Road	
Schofield, Wisconsin 54476	
(715) 241-3828	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$512,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$556,320.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 44,320.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 8.7 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

On March 29, 2005, your Board authorized the Acting Director of Public Works to award the contract to a prequalified bidder, meeting the criteria established by your Board, for a not to exceed amount of \$550,000.00, and to deliver the project. However, the lowest bid exceeded the authorized amount by \$6,320.00. Based on the nature of the work and the specialty work required, we do not believe that re-advertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to L & S Electric, Inc., a prequalified bidder, in the amount of \$556,320.00.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

L & S Electric, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2005.

AD:lgn

O:\Section\Administration\Board\Awd\05-24-05ltr.doc